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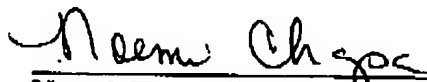
Hello Examiner Wimer:

The Notice of Allowance dated June 16, 2005 does not acknowledge receipt of claim for foreign priority.

A certified copy of German Application No.10143168.6 filed September 4, 2001 was submitted to the US Patent Office on October 29, 2002 in the Parent application serial number 10/234,799.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner send a Supplemental Notice of Allowability acknowledging receipt of the priority document of German Application No.10143168.6 .

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